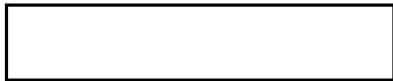


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4. Soviet bloc delegate makes friendly overture to Israeli UN delegate:

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Israeli UN delegate Rafael has told Ambassador Lodge that a member of the Soviet bloc has made overtures to the Israeli delegation that might lead to renewal of diplomatic relations between Israel and the USSR.

Comment: This may be the initial Soviet response to the publicly voiced Israeli hope for a resumption of relations.

EASTERN EUROPE

5. Orbit trade meeting in Switzerland reported:

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Orbit countries are holding a meeting in Switzerland this week to coordinate procurement of strategic goods, [redacted]

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[redacted] There is no evidence that this is connected with the meeting in Geneva of the UN Economic Commission for Europe.

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Comment: Such a meeting at the time of the ECE sessions would indicate an attempt to coordinate approaches to Western European delegates as well as to commercial agents.

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